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Despite bill's passage, health care debate continues

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COLUMBIA, SC (WIS) - President Barack Obama's signature on health care reform legislation changed it into law, but that action has not changed the minds of many of his critics

In West Columbia Monday morning, supporters of Congressman Joe Wilson gathered to hear him promote a bill he says could replace the new law

"The swap bill will be to swap the bad bill which passed, for a good bill," said Wilson

But first, Wilson and other critics will have to repeal health care

"If we can get a Republican majority in the U.S. House, we can begin the repeal effort. And I would like immediate repeal," said Wilson "But it can begin by not funding many of the new government agencies "

In his Columbia office a short time later, Majority Whip Jim Clyburn defended the bill

A lot of people you talk to, it's got nothing to do with health care It's got to do with the first African-American President of the United States,' said Clyburn

Clyburn says he remembers people talking about trying to repeal other landmark legislation: the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Social Security and Medicare for instance

"I will be doing a lot of things over the next two weeks," said Clyburn. 'Everywhere I go, I'm going to be explaining this bill. And I'm going to let people know just as I said, when you're making big changes like this in our society, it always comes with significant controversy And the votes are always close."

Clyburn will have to be pretty persuasive to convince Wilson supporters Many lining up to sign a pledge backing his repeal effort

"Everything is illegal, what they did," said Wilson supporter William Hornor And nobody voted on it It just wasn't done right

"I've never seen anything like this and I just believe that people are really angry out there," said Renee Lucido And they want to see change and they don't want this "

Clyburn outlined a new theory on how the Democrats ended up winning on health care He says Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid cut deals with several members trying to stack up 60 votes to avoid a GOP filibuster

Clyburn thinks those deals, in particular the so-called 'Cornhusker Kickback' for Nebraska, led to the voter backlash that put Scott Brown in the Senate seat held by the late Ted Kennedy

That, says Clyburn, was a wake-up call for Democrats who then turned to the idea of pushing the bill through with a simple majority

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